



HEALING THROUGH HAPPINESS



SUMMER 2026

New Volunteer Applicant Information Guide





Thank you so much for your interest in volunteering!

At Campfire Circle, our goal is to bring healing through happiness to kids with cancer or serious illness and their families. At no cost to families, we provide life-changing, medically supported camp programs that promote resilience, wellbeing, and social connectedness.

We know that dealing with a serious diagnosis is tough. That's why we strive to create joyful and memorable experiences that empower kids to reclaim their childhood during a difficult time.

Volunteers are an essential part of the Campfire Circle community. Volunteers support year-round community, in-hospital, and overnight camp programs that deliver fun, friendship, and a sense of community at any stage of a childhood cancer or serious illness journey. When you volunteer with Campfire Circle you are helping to deliver healing through happiness in a fun, rewarding, and meaningful experience.

This year, we are excited to announce additions to our program calendar that will help us better serve even more children impacted by cancer or serious illness. With these updates, we are able to welcome more kids from across Ontario to camp and offer a wider range of programs.

We can't wait to see you this summer!

Check out our most recent camper brochure and read about upcoming programs below!

Learn more at campfirecircle.org



Program Details

Day Camp

Ottawa

Experience all the fun and excitement of a week at camp close to home with campers who have cancer, heart disease, sickle cell disease, rare blood disorders, solid organ failure and transplant, their siblings, and bereaved siblings (ranging in age from 4 – 10). This camp takes place in Ottawa, and will offer five days of camp activities, special workshops, skill-building activities, and more!

Day Camp volunteers are required to support weekdays (Monday – Friday) from 8:15 AM – 4:30 PM. Volunteers also attend a mandatory on-site training from approximately 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM on the Sunday preceding Day Camp.

Day Camp Volunteer Role

As a Day Camp volunteer, you'll work alongside other volunteers and staff to support your group of campers throughout the week. The Day Camp volunteer role is responsible for ensuring children (age 4 – 10) are safely supervised and engaged in meaningful play. Together, with staff and fellow volunteers, you'll help create a welcoming, fun, and inclusive environment that meets each camper's unique needs. Day Camp volunteers also support various program areas, such as leading crafts, games, and sports with fellow volunteers.

Day Camp Notes

- Day camp is a six day commitment
- Accommodations are not provided
- Lunch is provided during training and the camp session

Day Camp Dates

Ottawa Day Camp: July 12 – 17



Overnight Family Camp

Rainbow Lake – Waterford, ON

A four- or five-day camp experience for the entire family!

Campers (age 0 – 18) and their families will participate in fun and engaging activities that are designed for all ages including swimming, canoeing, archery, rock climbing, singing around the campfire, and so much more! Family Camp will welcome children with cancer, rare blood disorders, sickle cell disease, organ failure and organ transplant, and heart disease to attend camp together. Some sessions are designed just for children with a cancer diagnosis. All volunteers will play the role of a Family Guide.

Family Camp Volunteer Role

As a Family Guide, you'll work alongside other volunteers and staff to support your assigned family throughout the week. The Family Guide role is responsible for ensuring children (age 0 – 18) are safely supervised and engaged in meaningful play, and accompanying your family to all activities, meals, and special programs. Together with staff and fellow volunteers, you'll help create a welcoming, fun, and inclusive environment that meets each family's unique needs.

Family Camp Notes

- Family camp is a four- or five-day commitment
- Meals and accommodations are provided
- Volunteers will be required to attend a mandatory on-site training on the first day of camp (before families arrive)
- Volunteers stay on-site, sharing accommodations with other volunteers and staff

Rainbow Lake Family Camp Dates (inclusive of on-site training)

Family Camp 1: June 26 – 30

Family Camp 2: July 2 – 6

Family Camp 3: July 8 – 12

Family Camp 4: July 14 – 18

Family Camp 5: July 20 – 24

Family Camp 6: July 26 – 30

Family Camp 7: August 2 – 6

Family Camp 8: August 8 – 12

Family Camp 9: August 14 – 18

Family Camp 10: August 20 – 23

Family Camp 11: August 24 – 27



Overnight Kids Camps

Muskoka – Rosseau, ON

Enjoy a week at our overnight camp in Muskoka as a Cabin Counsellor. Muskoka volunteers also have the option to be an Activity Counsellor! Campers will be in a cabin group with their peers and participate in activities such as swimming, canoeing, archery, rock climbing, water skiing, and so much more! Muskoka Kids Camps will welcome children with cancer, rare blood disorders, sickle cell disease, organ failure and organ transplant, and heart disease to attend camp together, depending on the session. Kids Camps will continue to include sessions for patients, siblings, and bereaved siblings.

Cabin Counsellor Role

As a Cabin Counsellor, you'll work alongside other volunteers and staff to support your assigned campers throughout the week. The Cabin Counsellor role is responsible for ensuring children (age 6 – 15) are safely supervised and engaged in meaningful play. Together with staff and fellow volunteers, you'll help create a welcoming, fun, and inclusive environment that meets each camper's unique needs.

Activity Volunteer Role

In this role, you will take on the duties of a Cabin Counsellor (see above) while you spend a portion of your day instructing a camp activity (e.g. fishing). All Activity Volunteers will receive support and direction from the summer staff team, however, the Activity Volunteer will be expected to independently instruct the activity with confidence. Some Activity Volunteers will be required to obtain a certification based on the role. Campfire Circle will reimburse confirmed activity volunteers for the cost of required certifications.

Kids Camp Notes

- Kids Camps are an eight-day commitment, inclusive of mandatory on-site training before campers arrive.
- Meals and accommodations are provided
- Volunteers stay on-site, sharing accommodations with their co-volunteers, with close proximity to their cabin group



Muskoka Kids Camp Dates (inclusive of on-site training)

- Session 1:** June 25 – July 2
- Session 2:** July 4 – July 11
- Session 3:** July 13 – July 20
- Session 4:** July 22 – July 29
- Session 5:** August 2 – August 9
- Session 6:** August 11 – August 18
- Session 7:** August 20 – 27

Ready to Apply?

New volunteer applications are open and will remain open until all positions are filled. Successful applicants will be invited to their choice of an in-person or virtual group interview. For more information, check out our website, head directly to the application [here](#), or scan the QR code:



Application Support

If you have any questions about volunteering with Campfire Circle, please reach out to our Volunteer Support Team at volunteer@campfirecircle.org.

We can't wait to hear from you!